CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for decrypting an encrypted digital data file, comprising:

receiving ~~the encrypted~~ a reencrypted data file, wherein a portion of the reencrypted data file has been partially decrypted and reencrypted in a first decryption unit; and

using a second decryption unit to decrypt the received reencrypted data file, wherein the second decryption unit is different from the first decryption unit ~~decrypting a portion of the received data file while leaving the remaining portion of the data file encrypted~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the partial decryption of the ~~received~~ data file is performed at a plurality of locations spaced apart at a predetermined interval on the ~~digital~~ data file.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising storing the partially decrypted data file in a data storage medium or a digital data player.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising decrypting the remainder of the partially decrypted data file.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the ~~received~~ data file is partially decrypted based on a predetermined encryption key.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of reading the stored data file from the data storage medium or the digital data player and reproducing the data file at the request of a user.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of decrypting the data file based on a predetermined encryption key, and outputting the decrypted data file to an output line.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the predetermined interval is a multiple or divisor of a buffer size.

21. (Currently Amended) A digital data decryption ~~apparatus~~ system comprising:

a first receiving unit for receiving an encrypted digital data file; ~~and~~

a first decryption unit for decrypting a portion of the encrypted data file while leaving the remaining portion of the data file encrypted, thereby creating a partially decrypted data file; and

a second decryption unit for subsequently decrypting the partially decrypted data file.

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 21, wherein the partial decryption of the ~~received~~ data file received by the first receiving unit is performed at a plurality of locations spaced apart at a predetermined interval on the digital data file.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 22, wherein the predetermined interval is a multiple or divisor of a buffer size.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 21, further comprising a data storage medium associated with the first receiving unit for storing the partially decrypted data file.

25. (Currently Amended) the ~~apparatus~~ system of claim 21, wherein the ~~received~~ data file received by the first receiving unit is partially decrypted based on a predetermined encryption key.

26. (Currently Amended) the ~~apparatus~~ system of clam 21, further comprising a digital data player device for receiving the partially decrypted data file,

wherein the digital data player device includes the second decryption unit ~~subsequentially decrypts the remainder of the partially decrypted data file~~.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for decrypting an digital data file, comprising:

receiving the encrypted data file in a first receiving unit;

transferring the encrypted data file to a first decryption unit;

using the first decryption unit to ~~decrypting~~ decrypt a portion of the ~~received~~ data file received in the first receiving unit while leaving the remaining portion of the data file encrypted;

storing the decrypted data file in a buffer; ~~and~~

reencrypting the decrypted data file; and

using a second decryption unit for decrypting the reencrypted data file.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the step of ~~partial decryption~~ decrypting the portion of the ~~received~~ data file received in the first receiving unit is performed at a plurality of locations spaced apart at a predetermined interval on the digital data file.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of storing the ~~received encrypted~~reencrypted data file in a data storage medium of a digital data player.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the ~~received~~ data file received by the first receiving unit is partially decrypted based on a predetermined encryption key.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of reading the stored data file from the data storage medium and reproducing the data file at the request of a user.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of:

sending the reencrypted data file to the digital data player, the digital data player including the second decryption unit;

decrypting the reencrypted data file based on a predetermined encryption ~~key,~~ key; and

outputting the decrypted data file to an output line of the digital data player.